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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Application No. 08/908,867
Filed: August 8, 1997
Title: **Methods for Regulating Gastrointestinal Motility**
Applicants: Andrew A. YOUNG *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 18528.013

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2003; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 18528.013:

\$ 86.00 additional claims fee

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 18528.013. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Milan M. Vinnola".

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Amendment and Response

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2003 (Paper No. 43), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are necessary. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number 18528.013. Applicants likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.